

// A special meeting of the Council of the City of Lynchburg, recessed from March 15, was held on the 22nd day of March, 2005, at 1:00 P.M., Second Floor Training Room, City Hall, Carl B. Hutcherson, Jr., President, presiding. The purpose of the meeting was to conduct a work session regarding several items, including the FY2006 Budget. The following Members were present:

Present: Dodson, Gillette, Johnson, Hutcherson

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Absent: Foster, Helgeson, Seiffert

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// City Manager Kimball Payne explained that the question regarding the applicability of the development standards with regard to the requirement of a two hundred foot setback for the addition of athletic fields at Heritage High School has been resolved. Mr. Payne explained that the Zoning Administrator has opined that since Section 35.1-167.1 of the Zoning Ordinance allows public uses by right in all zoning districts, the two hundred foot setback is not required in this instance.

// Legislative Liaison Linda McMinimy presented a brief overview regarding actions taken during the 2005 General Assembly session.

// Museum Director Tom Ledford presented an overview of information contained in a March 22 written report to City Council regarding the Lynchburg Museum System. Mr. Ledford explained that the Museum System faces several challenges in the immediate future, i.e., reopening of the Old Court House this year to observe its 150th anniversary, securing a new collections storage facility, staff space and exhibit galleries, and approval/funding of additional Museum staff.

// Parks and Recreation Director Kay Frazier along with Randy Parr and Sallie Schneider, Lynchburg Historical Foundation President, provided an overview regarding a proposal from the Lynchburg Historical Foundation (LHF) for preservation of the packet boat "Marshall", best known for carrying Stonewall Jackson's coffin from Lynchburg to Lexington. Ms. Frazier explained that the cost for preservation of the Marshall and construction of a protective structure is estimated at \$100,000 and that staff proposes that the City donate \$40,000 (FY2005 Capital Improvement Program, Project P0035) to LHF for this project. Ms. Frazier went on to say that staff is also requesting approval for the City Manager to finalize and sign on the City's behalf a Memorandum of Understanding with LHF to facilitate the preservation of the packet boat. Ms. Schneider stated that LHF is firmly committed to this project, that fund raising efforts are well underway, and that the project will be completed in 2007 in time for the Jamestown celebration. On motion of Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member Gillette, Council by the following recorded vote approved the proposal from LHF for preservation of the packet boat "Marshall", and authorized the City Manager to finalize and sign on the City's behalf a Memorandum of Understanding with LHF to facilitate the preservation of the packet boat:

Ayes: Dodson, Gillette, Johnson, Hutcherson

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Noes:

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Absent: Foster, Helgeson, Seiffert

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// Council Member Gillette, who served as Chair of the Community Development Advisory Committee, presented a brief overview regarding the Committee's recommendations for allocation of FY2006 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME funds. Council Member Dodson stated that he thought that a decision was made years ago to include funding for the downtown façade improvement program in the Capital Improvements Program (CIP) and questioned when it was dropped from the CIP. City Manager Kimball Payne stated that he would research the matter and report back to City Council. City Council recommended no changes to the Advisory Committee's recommendations. Administrative and Grants Coordinator Melva Walker stated that this item will be scheduled for the April 12 meeting for final approval of the allocations for the proposed projects.

// Due to three Council Members being absent, City Council decided to discuss the School Board Candidates Interview process at the March 29 work session.

// During roll call, Mayor Hutcherson announced that there will be a press conference on Thursday regarding a donation to the Martin Luther King, Jr., Center for Human Rights.

// City Council conducted a work session regarding the FY2006 Budget. City Manager Kimball Payne stated that municipal staff was present to respond to questions regarding their individual budgets, i.e., Parks and Recreation, Community Planning and Development, Economic Development, and Fleet Services. City Council also reviewed requests from Contributory Agencies, Debt Service, Transfers, Schools, and Other Funds categories. City Manager Kimball Payne stated that information requested regarding certain budgets would be provided to City Council at the next work session.

// The meeting was adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

Clerk of Council

// A regular meeting of the Council of the City of Lynchburg was held on the 22nd of March 2005, at 5:00 P.M. in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Carl B. Hutcherson, Jr., President, presiding. Mayor Hutcherson gave the Invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Police Officer in attendance. The following Members were present:

Present: Dodson, Gillette, Johnson, Hutcherson 4

Absent: Foster, Helgeson, Seiffert 3

// Copies of the minutes of the March 8 (two meetings) and March 15, 2005 meetings, having been previously furnished Council, reading was dispensed with, and on motion of Council Member Gillette, seconded by Council Member Johnson, Council by the following recorded vote approved the minutes as presented:

Ayes: Dodson, Gillette, Johnson, Hutcherson 4

Noes: 0

Absent: Foster, Helgeson, Seiffert 3

// In the matter of Police – General, Resolution #R-05-028 amending the FY2005 City/Federal/State Aid Fund Budget and appropriating \$12,000, with \$10,000 reimbursement, to effectively carry out selective enforcement activities and investigations, laid over from the March 8, 2005 meeting, was again presented and read, and on motion of Council Member Gillette, seconded by Council Member Johnson, Council by the following recorded vote adopted the Resolution:

Ayes: Dodson, Gillette, Johnson, Hutcherson 4

Noes: 0

Absent: Foster, Helgeson, Seiffert 3

// In the matter of Fire – General, Resolution #R-05-029 amending the FY2005 City Capital Projects Fund Budget and appropriating \$179,258, fully reimbursable, to make repairs and additions to the structural burn building at the Regional Emergency Training Center at the Airport, laid over from the March 8, 2005 meeting, was again presented and read, and on motion of Council Member Gillette, seconded by Council Member Johnson, Council by the following recorded vote adopted the Resolution:

Ayes: Dodson, Gillette, Johnson, Hutcherson 4

Noes: 0

Absent: Foster, Helgeson, Seiffert 3

// In the matter of Fire – General, City Council Report #4 was considered. On motion of Council Member Gillette, seconded by Council Member Johnson, Council by the following recorded vote introduced and laid over to a later meeting for final action Resolution #R-05-035, as presented,

amending the FY 2005 City/Federal/State Aid Fund and appropriating \$42,857, fully reimbursable, to purchase specialized rescue equipment for the Fire Department's Technical Rescue Team:

Ayes: Dodson, Gillette, Johnson, Hutcherson

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Noes:

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Absent: Foster, Helgeson, Seiffert

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// In the matter of Parks & Recreation – General, City Council Report #5 was considered. On motion of Council Member Dodson, seconded by Council Member Gillette, Council by the following recorded vote introduced and laid over to a later meeting for final action Resolution #R-05-036, as presented, amending the FY 2005 Capital Improvement Project Fund and appropriating \$200,000, fully reimbursable, to provide funding of the design and construction of the Ivy Creek Nature Center:

Ayes: Dodson, Gillette, Johnson, Hutcherson

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Noes:

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Absent: Foster, Helgeson, Seiffert

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// The meeting was recessed at 5:06 P.M. to March 29, at 1:00 P.M., to conduct a work session regarding the budget.

Clerk of Council

// A special meeting of the Council of the City of Lynchburg, recessed from March 22, was held on the 29th day of March, 2005, at 1:00 P.M., Second Floor Training Room, City Hall, Carl B. Hutcherson, Jr., President, presiding. The purpose of the meeting was to conduct a work session regarding the FY2006 Budget and the Capital Improvements Program. The following Members were present:

Present: Dodson, Foster, Gillette, Helgeson, Johnson, Hutcherson

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Absent: Seiffert

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// City Council discussed whether or not to establish a formal interview process for candidates seeking to serve on the Lynchburg School Board. Following discussion, City Council agreed to undertake on a trial basis the process outlined in the Council report.

// City Council conducted another work session regarding the FY2006 Budget. City Manager Kimball Payne stated that municipal staff was present to respond to questions regarding their individual budgets, i.e., Airport, Water, Sewer, and Solid Waste.

// City Council also conducted a work session regarding the FY2006-2010 Capital Improvement Program (CIP). Schools Finance Director Cynthia Page presented additional information regarding Schools capital projects. In response to Council Member Gillette's concern, Ms. Page stated that information would be provided to Council showing the sequence regarding the various projects. City Manager Kimball Payne distributed a list of deferred projects, stating that some of these projects may be included in the CIP in future years. City Manager Payne also provided information regarding the funding history for the downtown façade program, explaining that \$100,000 was included in the 2000 and 2001 CIP, but that in 2002, \$50,000 was set aside for the program from the \$1,000,000 funding for downtown riverfront development. In response to questioning, Community Planning Director Rachel Flynn explained that there was not enough interest in continuing the program. After discussion, City Council agreed to reinstate the program, using some of the funding from downtown riverfront development in conjunction with Community Development Block Grant funding requested by Lynch's Landing. City Manager Payne informed that the Schools would like to meet with City Council at the April 12 work session.

// The meeting was recessed at 4:55 p.m. to April 5, 7:00 P.M., to conduct the public hearing regarding the FY2006 Budget and the FY2006-2010 Capital Improvement Program.

Clerk of Council

// A special meeting of the Council of the City of Lynchburg, recessed from March 29, was held on the 5th day of April, 2005, at 7:00 P.M., in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Carl B. Hutcherson, Jr., President, presiding. The purpose of the meeting was to conduct public hearings regarding the proposed real property tax increase, the FY2006 Proposed Budget and the 2006-2010 Capital Improvements Program. The following Members were present:

Present: Gillette, Helgeson, Johnson, Seiffert, Hutcherson 5

Absent: Dodson, Foster 2

// A public hearing was held regarding the proposed real property tax increase. Two individuals questioned the recent high reassessment of their properties suggesting that future reassessments be tied to social security increases. One individual suggested that the City consider a cap on assessed value of no greater than 1%, while another individual recommended implementation of a fee on City employees who do not live in the City. One individual commented that some of the older, large homes may not be assessed high enough. There was no one else present who wished to speak, and the public hearing was closed.

// A public hearing was held regarding the Proposed Fiscal Year 2006 Budgets of the City Government, Public Schools, Water, Sewer, Solid Waste, Airport and Other Funds, and the Proposed 2006-2010 Capital Improvements Program. Ms. Cynthia Coles, representing the Central Virginia Area Agency on Aging, along with five other individuals requested financial support for the Agency, citing the benefits of the various programs the Agency provides to the elderly. Mr. Bill Godsey, President of the Lynchburg Education Association, along with two other individuals requested additional funding to the Schools for salary increases for teachers and teacher assistants. Mr. Wayne Sloop, representing Big Brothers Big Sisters, requested financial support for the agency, citing the benefits of the mentoring program to the City's youth. One individual suggested a tax on city employees who do not live in the City as a source of additional income. Mr. Wally Sabin, Lynchburg Area Center for Independent Living, citing a gap in services asked that the General Relief Program be restored. Ms. Doris Brammer, President of the CASA Board, requested financial support for CASA. Two individuals spoke in support of the Police Department's request for additional police officers. One individual cited health concerns from the smoke generated by individuals who are burning trash/garbage and asked that the trash tag system be eliminated. There was no one else present who wished to speak, and the public hearing was closed.

// The meeting was recessed at 8:08 p.m. to April 12, 1:00 p.m., to conduct a work session regarding finalizing the proposed FY 2006 Budget.

Clerk of Council